revisibly applied. and the plaids which are so unusually Fine tunks, runlings, shirrings, feather lovely in the light weight wools of this

FOR SMALL FOLKS.

Dressed Now.

SENSIBLE MODES

Sensible.

Rompers Used by Both Small Boys and Little Girls in Their Play Hours-Party Dainty Simplicity and Lack of Osten-Little Ones Indoors Even in Winter -Sense in Outdoor Garments-Russian Suits for Boys-Pretty French Fashions.

American children are better dressed to-day than they have previously been within the mamory of this generation better dressed because more sensibly and

appropriately dressed. It is possible, of course, to spend large sums upon a child's outfit. In fact, to keep a child garbed in accordance with fashion's mandates necessarily means lavish expenditure; but the outlay is, at least, in armony with the laws of good taste and the well dressed child of the period is not the over dressed child. The money exrended goes into good materials, daintiness



of work, lavishness of supply, not into showy trimmings and perishable extrava-

Children's clothes are really childlike, are picturesque yet serviceable and even the party frocks of the wee woman have a fineness and dainty simplicity far removed from estentation. In praise of the wealthy and so scalled smart contingent of society, be it said that it has led in the

With serene confidence in its own ability to make fashion laws, and with consequent independence, it has put its small heiresses and embryo millionaires into compers and over their heads and pulled well in her wardrobe, though its elaborateness at least is not a costly matter.

to childhood. The soft silks—China, India, over alls and serviceable play frocks and over their ears. suits at which the parents of small income

immaculateness for elegance. The lesser social luminaries have fallen into line, the manufacturers have followed the current, and now even the ready made garments for children offered in the cheaper

shops have their merits. The rise of the romper has been a significant feature in the reform. It is a recognition that even the social elect admit the equality of childhood and normal boisterouaness of healthy childhood.

The day of prim propriety is past. Children are encouraged in all healthy outdoor play that makes for physical development. Grubbiness is accepted as a necessary good rather than a necessary evil.

Woman's rights, too, make their initial stand in the romper; for the girl child doesn't have to stand by, clad in crisp and perishable fine linen, and wistfully watch her lucky brother in his liberty, or else join him at the cost of spoiling her frock and being punished for it. No, indeed. She, too, is tucked into blue jean overalls or something else as practical, and is turned loose to enjoy life without the handicap of petticoated vanity which will shadow her later days.

The rompers sketched here illustrate only one of many models, but are practical and easily made. Stout linen is preferred for such garments by some mothers, but the blue jeans of tradition, warranted to stand wear and tear, washing and weather, are a favorite material and are generally be-

Some of the rompers are high necked overshoes-and there were the little maids;



and worn without underblouse or frock, but others are made with ample folds and to have the small boy wear Russian suits than to the one bought ready madeintended to be pulled over a better frock of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may wear only the simplest of white linen or pique for dress in winter always provided that the child's mother may be always provided the child may be always provided th with at least a winte waist, showing only where the romper is cut down in a square | with warm underwear to offset the thin outer r round line at the neck. This bit of hite around the face is becoming and edds to the picturesqueness of the cos-

and sleeves of the underblouse, are delight- of color in tailor stitching. Velvet Russian | dainty. One of the really good inuta- and grimy Rompers drawn on over dainty | like a long waistcoat ran a band of ermine, ful upon either the small boy or the girl, suits, too, are worth. but sleeves are easily soiled, and where

are preferable. both little boy and little girl should have. now wear a warm knitted outfit that corre- | throughout the day. group of very small boys and girls, repre-senting in their chubby childishness an imlaugh at the amusing group.

uits, too, are were.

The same materials and treatment are prove as expensive in comparison with the toward accomplishing this end, even if the cuffs, which were of white slik braided

laundry work is a consideration rempers admissible for girls of corresponding age; cheap imitations as it is cheap in commany changes are out of the question.

with full sleeves buttoning at the wrist but, as we have said, the sheer lingeric parison with real Valenciennes. A little Plain serges, cheviots, cloth, cashmere, American Children Are Well and entirely protecting any undersleeves frocks are the correct things for the little of the good imitation face used sparingly &c. play an important part in the equipgirls on dress occasions, and the fashion- is better by far than the cheaner quality ment of children for play and for school, Whatever the model chosen, rompers able small maids are attired in such frocks lavishiy applied. oth little boy and little girl should have. every evening before going downstairs Fine tucks, runlings, saltrings, feather lovely in the light weight wools of this for winter outdoor play many tiny tots to join the family and guests, though they stitchings, fee, done by hand are much season, are particularly suitable for the dressed by wealthy and modish mothers may wear dark and serviceable frocks more effective than cheap lace, and enough child's dark frock, combining utility with

of the finer lace for throat and sleeves | a hint of the gayety that belongs by righ sponds to the summer or house rompers of | The boy a trifle too old for the Russian Their Clothes Are Picturesque, Yet | wash stuff, and is absurdly funny and cun- suit goes into the blouse and knickers. ning as well as eminently practical. During and these may be of velvet, but, for dress the cold and snow preceding Christmas, a are preferably of white wool stuff. Every-

posing number of future millions, were of this age and older is sill considered cor-



petticcats tucked snugly inside, out of harm

from snow and wet. Red mittens, warm

unconventional, to be sure, but tremen-

dously comfortable and able to bid defiance

to winter and to roll in the snow without

These bloomer leggings are to be had,

too, in white, and are comfortable things

when worn, as they generally are, under the short petticoats, but the

red clad girl sprites frolicking in

Heavy, warm little coats with tasselled

hoods and cords and gay linings, resembling

the Canadian toboggan coats, are also picturesque garb for winter play out of

doors, and Russian coats with leather belt,

and leggings to match, buckled with leather,

The Russian tunics and the variations

upon the original models of this type retain

their vogue, and deserve it, for they are

simple, practical, childish and, when cor-

rectly made, have that indefinable quality

which, for want of a better word, we call

Nine out of ten boys too old for baby

dresses and too young for coat and knickers

or blouse suits, wear some sort of Russian

smock with full knickers under it, showing

In our steam heated houses, where wash

wears her frocks of sheer batiste or muslin, of children's clothes.

clothes are practical, it is often customary likely to belong to the home made frock

the snow were a jolly sight and gave testimony to the good sense of the multi-mil-

harm.

lionaire parents.

are attractive.

smartness.

garments.

or not as preferred.

They wore miniature red sweaters loudly. would look askance. It has chosen school exactly like those sported by their brothers, The long waist and abbreviated skirt party frocks, usually in combination with those rather older than the small folk we thes of fine quality and trim simplicity. and their fat little less were incased in red of Fre has made hand work and fine materials the knitted leggings which fitted closely up to for such a frock, although the tendency however good, is a barsh and unbecomkeynotes of the dressy little frocks in- the knees and then expanded gradually into during the last two seasons has been toward ing finish stead of showiness, and has substituted bloomers whose fulness suggested small modifying the extravagance of this model and bringing the waist line nearer the point allotted by nature. That is, the waist Is a trifle shorter, the skirt a trifle longer,

and the modification is undeniably an im-Very fine muslin, lawn, batiste, mull. nainsook, swiss and kindred stuffs are the materials chosen for these frocks, and the fineness of the material is the keynote of the dress. Much trimming is not needed, is not even desirable, but what is used must be of excellent quality and should be applied by hand if the thing is possible.

A quantity of rather coarse lace applied by machine in intricate fashion will rob any small girl's frock of modishness, even though it may have a certain superficial showiness, and this defect is the one chiefly in evidence in the ready made children's frocks sold for reasonable prices. A hand made garment is sure to be high in price, and the only woman who dresses her tiny daughter really well, at small expense, is the woman who can make the little frocks herself and put her money into quality of materials, not into paying for hand work.

The ready made boys' suits and the play

frocks and school frocks for girls are often exceedingly satisfactory. In fact, the boys' clothes are usually smarter when bought ready made, at a good place, than when made at home, but even in the girls' ordinary clothes, a personal choice of materials, a suggestion of individuality given by some slight touch of hand work, is more

which the popular open work embroidery his Russian suit may be of velvet for dress appears. The more elaborate has a yoke occasions. The girl has of course more of embroidery, beneath which two frills of three inch Valenciennes run around the shoulders. The short puffed sleeves of plain batiste have two lace frills for finish. The body of the tiny skirt is of embroidery and two lace frills trim the

The other frock, more attractive because more childlike, is of fine batiste, with beautiful broderie anglaise flouncing forming the short full skirt and a narrow band of broderic anglaise outlining the square cut neck. Outside of this embroidery band are two narrow frills of lace, and both embroidery and lace trim the short

A frock of finest India lawn with skirt ruffle and bertha ruffle entirely covered by frills of narrow Valenciennes is simple, dainty and easily constructed; and there are innumerable models with shallow yokes of valenciennes insertion or of insertion and fine tucking and little shoulder ruffles and skirt ruffles edged with lace.

If the lace yoke is put together by hand and the lace edge is put on the ruffles by hand and headed by tiny hand run tucks these frocks are pretty enough to bear comparison with many much more pretentious; and it is better to have enough of such fine, simple frocks than to have fewer and more elaborate ones. maculateness is the absolute essential in fashionable child attire.

and are sometimes braided in white or have | who can afford it, there are now many | and in the winter, if wash white is worn, it | silk strapped in dark blue silk braid

embroideries are much used for children's little girls, but are usually intended for

Soft India silk in good quality, much smocked and shirred and feather stitched, A mong the sketches in the large group is fancied by French makers of children's clothes, and some of the imported models are very charming. Heavier and more pretentious silks must be shunned. They have no part in children's attire, save for the making of coats, and it is doubtful whether silk is as pretty and appropriate for the child's coat as cloth or other wool, though faille, bengaline, peau de soie and other rich silks are much used for this

> Cloth coats in white, blue, rich red or brown are most often seen this winter, although other colors are admissible, and the more severe models are liked for both girls and boys, the Russian coat being have the stitched white bands, tabe and

The front and flat little turndown collars and cuffs of a strachan are smart for the little boy, and hussar caps, fur trimmed, are sometimes worn with them, but the average boy looks better in cloth or leather Tam or in roll brim sailor.

Capes, single, double or triple, are much used upon the coats for both boys and girls of the age in question, and have the advantage of auding much to the warmth.

For older girls and boys there are other and diverse modes, but their story must wait until another day, and limitations of space prevent full justice being done even to what these older boys and girls discrepted fully call the small fry.

Forty-two Pearls in an Oyster.

From the Winfield Courier.

James McLain found forty-two pearls in one oyster Wednesday evening. He started Hussar coats in cloth with frogs down

and grownups than in many years, and is



For older girls and boys there are other is a new one on me. What do you sup-

advantage of auding much to the warinth of the garment.

Velvet is more worn by both children

James McLain found in the started one oyster Wednesday evening. He started to eat the mollusk raw when he found his mouth full of small hard pellets.

and grownups than in many years, and is particularly fancied, for coats, short or long. Taking them out he found them to be pearls from the size of a pinhead to that of a grain The boy's coat is seldom made of it when the boy has passed baby coat years, but surprise. They are white, pink and black.

THE MODERN WOMAN.

Not every evening gown one sees is part and parcel of the wardrobe of the weman in blue. A flat cope collar, ending just who wears it. One woman costumer in in front of the shoulders, was also of the the city is getting rich by renting out airy, braided white. A hat of shirred blue velvet fluffy creations of mousseline and tulle

utive muff of ermine accompanied the coat.

putian form. A short full coat and a short full skirt of velvet gave a double layer effect

when the costume was on, but the skirt

was really a part of a little bretelle frock

worn over a fine muslin guimpe and sleeves.

A vandyked cope collar of lace was on the coat, and a narrow embroidered band trim-

ming finished the borders of coat and frock.

and add a hint of gay color to a frock other-

with gold threads running through them,

pipings of gay plaid silk are much used upon little frocks of plain color. Stitching in contrasting color, feather stitchings. embroidered dots, French knots, &c., in

colored silk, tiny bouillonees of silk, bands

of stitched cloths or silk-all these are good

trimmings for the child's silk or wool frock

and very small gilt or silk covered buttons

The French are fond of applying bands

of plain white cloth to children's freeks of

A little plaited frock of warm tartan plaid sketched here has the band of this

tons set upon each tab. The cuffs, too,

will brighten a dark frock considerably.

it is in Paris.

in the very parrow widths.

trimmed with little white roses and a dimin. by the evening. From \$10 up to \$50 she asks for the renting French in origin, too, was a little velvet of handsome ball gowns. Her customers ostume of a type usually reserved for are by no means restricted to women of older girls, yet very charming in its lili-

limited means. "I rent gowns to plenty of women in the city, women of means, too," said she, "but

most of my trade comes from women who are making brief visits in the city. "Waldorf patrons are my best customers. Say a woman comes here on a visit and wants to attend the opera, or is asked to a dinner and needs evening dress. She comes to me and I fit her, from top to toe, all for a comparatively small sum." I supply not only the gowns themselves.

There are, by the way, many of these "I supply not only the gowns themselves, but all the accessories. It's a great boon to women, and now that I am known, I can scarcely fill my orders between Thanks-giving and the beginning of Lent." narrow embroidered bands, most attractive in color and design, which are easily applied wise sober, yet are childish in effect if used The narrow braids, too, especially those

A pretty little physical culture teacher

of Westchester county, anxious to put her

trim plain dark frocks well, and folds and fresh air theories to a test, is sleeping out of doors this winter on the rear veranda of her Yonkers apartment. She declares that she was never better in her life, and her appearance certainly bears out her state-Naturally, she has more covering than a down quilt. In fact, she sleeps in a sleep-

ing bag such as Alaskan travelera make

ing bag such as Alaskan traveiers make use of. Comfortable woollen blankets cover her narrow out and, ensconced in her sleeping bag with the hood drawn down so that only her face is visible, she sleeps the sleep of the just.

It began last summer for comfort, the outdoor slumber, and so delightful and invigorating was the result that when cold weather approached came the determination to continue using the veranda as a sleeping apartment. The veranda being enclosed at each end the sleeper is exposed to the wind from one direction only. Now she wind from one direction only. Now she is trying to induce her friends to follow her example—thus far unsuccessfully.

Forty umbrellas were left in the subway from Saturday to Monday of the week before Christmas and turned in to the lost property office of the elevated road in Greenwich street. Carved ivory, sterling silver and monogramed gold were among the mountings of the lost umbrellas, while the overings were of the finest.
Suit cases formed another part of the array which Christmas shoppers left behind

in their mad rush for presents, and from the number of packages it is safe to assume that a good many Christmas trees were minus expected gifts

Restaurant manners of women are sometimes a bit surprising. To strike an attitude seems to be the aim of many women when dining in public places. Nor is this true only of women without the advantages of social training.

A woman who we 'dn't dream of doing plaid, dotted or plain material, and often berelbows on the table; she may not stop at the idea is developed most effectively, although it must be borne in mind that white cloth soils readily, and that cleansing is not so simple and cheap a matter here as it is in Paris.

ber elbows on the table, she may not stop at even that, but may lean half way across the board, assuming an ultro confidential manner in conversation with her vis 4-vis. If by chance a woman strikes a new and fetching pose it is immediately copied by

Delinquent husbands whose wives are white stitched cloth around the neck below being supported by charity are very apt the shallow guimpe, and the band ends to turn up about heliday time, and this seain two short tabs in front, with small but- son has been no exception to the ru e. But son has been no exception to there a. But-charity agents know the ways and wiles of such gentry and are on the watch for them. As a result there was quite a round up last week of wire deserters who were forced to take upon themselves once more the responsibilities of caring for their families.

"My New Year's resolution is not to smuggle this year," one fair transatlantic trave ler was heard to remark to a friend the other day. "I always smuggle things over every summer when I go to Europe. It's half the fun of the trip. "But it is risky and I gu ss I won't this

year-at least nothing really valuable, don't

you know.

"Last summer I brought back this diamond cross in the tee of my boot. By smuggling it I got a larger size than I could have bought had I paid the duty, but it did hurt like fun, so I'll swear off this year anyway."

TRADING STAMPS

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When'll the Car Companies Begin? "Now wouldn't that make you smile really?" the conductor said to a passenger standing by him on the rear platform, waving his hand at a sign in front of a dental establishment which announced that trading stamps were given there.

"Down my way," he continued, "the butcher gives trading stamps, and so does the grocer, and the fish market man gives extra stamps on Friday. But the dentist

But I suppose it's all right. Everybody gives trading stamps nowadays, and it wouldn't surprise me to see the street car companies doing it some day, and that'll make me tolerably busy, giving out transfers and trading stamps, too.
"What? You say this is your street!
Well, good luck."

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The small boy may wear only the plainest | latitude of choice, and some of the prettiest of white linen Russian suits, the small girl | dress coats for little girls shown this sea-

or suit, to protect it. Still others are worn as well as in summer, just as his little sister has a talent for the planning and making lins, but the goods must be of excellent. One of the models illustrated here was a smallty, and the garments must be changed | very chic little garment, costly and hand-Valenciennes lace and insertion are the often enough to insure crisp, immaculate some without being too fussy and ornate favorite trimmings for the little girl's freshness. Three complete changes of for a small wearer. It was of dack blue Russian suits of white cloth, white flannel party frock, and, while real Valenciennes all white each day is no unusual summer velvet, and its fronts, turning back all or white cashmere are liked for little boys is a joy and is indulged in by the mothers allowance for the child of fashionable folk. their length, were faced with heavy white

equilation overalls, showing both yoke a touch of gold in braid and Luttons or a bit fine finitations almost as effective and must never be allowed to become mussed Around the neck and down the fronts